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Even Churches are no Sanctuaries now.

Epilogue to *Cato.*

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THE following Letter has so much Truth and Reason in it, that I believe every Man of Sense and Honour in *England*, will have a just Indignation against the Person, who could commit so great a Violence, as that of which my Correspondent complains.

To the Author of the GUARDIAN.

SIR,

'I Claim a Place in your Paper for what I now 'write to you, from the Declaration which 'you made at your first Appearance, and the very 'Title you assume to your self.

'If the Circumstance, which I am going to mention, is over look'd by one, who calls himself '*Guardian*, I am sure Honour and Integrity, Innocence and Virtue, are not the Objects of his 'Care. — The *Examiner* ends his Discourse of '*Friday* the 24th Instant with these Words.

'*No sooner was D — among the Whiggs, and confirmed past retrieving, but Lady* Char — te *is taken Knotting in Saint* James's *Chappel during Divine Service, in the immediate Presence both of God and Her Majesty, who were affronted together, that the Family might appear to be intirely come over. I spare the Beauty for the sake of her Birth, but certainly there was no Occasion for so publick a Proof, that her Fingers are more dexterous in* Tying *a* Knot, *than her Father's Brains in perplexing the Government.*

'It is apparent that the Person here intended is 'by her Birth a Lady, and Daughter of an Earl of '*Great Britain*, and the Treatment this Author is 'pleas'd to give her, he makes no Scruple to own 'she is expos'd to, by being his Daughter. Since 'he has assum'd a Licence to talk of this Noble'man in Print to his Disadvantage, I hope his 'Lordship will pardon me, that out of the Interest 'which I, and all True *Englishmen* have in his Cha'racter, I take the Liberty to defend him.

'I am willing, on this Occasion, to allow the 'Claim and Pretension to Merit to be such, as the 'same Author describes in his preceeding Paper.

'*By active Merit* (says the *Examiner* of the 21st) '*I understand, not only the Power and Ability to serve, but the actual Exercise of any one or more Virtues, for promoting the good of one's Country, and a long and steady Course of real Endeavours to appear useful in a Government; or where a Person, eminently qualified for Publick Affairs, distinguishes himself in some Critical Juncture, and at the Expence of his Ease and Fortune, or, with the Hazard of his Person, exposes himself to the Malice of a designing Faction, by thwarting their wicked Purposes, and contributing to the Safety, Repose and Welfare of a People.*

'Let us examine the Conduct of this noble Earl 'by this Description; upon the late Glorious Revolution, when it was in Debate in what man'ner the People of *England* should express their 'Gratitude to their Deliverer, this Lord, from the 'utmost Tenderness and Loyalty to his unhappy 'Prince, and apprehensive of the Danger of so great 'a Change, voted against King *William's* Accession 'to the Throne: However, his following Services 'sufficiently testified the Truth of that his memora'ble Expression, *Though he could not make a King, he could obey him.* The whole Course and Tenor 'of his Life ever since has been visibly animated, 'by a steady and constant Zeal for the Monarchy 'and Episcopacy of these Realms. He has been 'ever reviled by all who are cold to the Interests of 'our Established Religion, or Dissenters from it, as 'a Favourer of Persecution, and a Bigot to the 'Church against the Civil Rights of his Fellow 'Subjects. Thus it stood with him at the Tryal 'of Dr. *Sacheverell*, when this noble Earl had a 'very great share in obtaining the gentle Sentence 'which the House of Lords pronounced on that 'Occasion: But, indeed, I have not heard that any 'of his Lordship's Dependants joined *Saint Harry* 'in the Pilgrimage which *that Meek Man* took af'terwards round *England*, followed by Drum, 'Trumpet and Acclamations to *Visit the Churches.* '— Civil Prudence made it, perhaps, necessary to 'throw the Publick Affairs into such Hands, as had 'no Pretensions to Popularity in either Party, but 'from the Distribution of the Queen's Favours.

'During

(Price Two Pence.)

'During such, and other later Transactions (which are too fresh to need being recounted) the Earl of *Nottingham* has had the Misfortune to differ with the Lords who have the Honour to be employed in the Administration; but even among these Incidents he has highly distinguished himself in procuring an Act of Parliament, to prevent that those who Dissent from the Church should serve in the State.

'I hope these are great and Critical Junctures, wherein this Gentleman has shown himself a Patriot and Lover of the Church in as eminent manner as any other of his Fellow Subjects. *He has at all Times, and in all Seasons, shown the same steady abhorrence to all Innovations.* But it is from this Behaviour, that he has deserved so ill of the *Examiner*, as to be termed a *late Convert* to those whom he calls Factious, and introduced in his Prophane Dialogue of *April* the 6th, with a Servant and a Madwoman. I think I have, according to the *Examiner*'s own Description of Merit, shown how little this Nobleman deserves such Treatment. I shall now appeal to all the World, to consider whether the Outrage committed against the young Lady had not been cruel, and insufferable towards the Daughter of the highest Offender.

'The utmost Malice and Invention could go no farther than to forge a Story of her having inadvertently done an indifferent Action in a Sacred Place. Of what Temper can this Man be made, that could have no Sense of the Pangs he must give a young Lady to be barely mentioned in a Publick Paper, much more to be named in a Libellous manner, as having offended God and Man.

'But the Wretch, as dull as he is wicked, felt it strike on his Imagination, that *Knitting* and *Perplexing* would make a Quaint Sting at the end of his Paper, and had no Compunction, though he introduced his Witticism at the Expence of a young Ladies Quiet, and (as far as in him lies) her Honour. Does he thus finish his Discourse of Religion? This is indeed *to lay at us, and make every Blow fell to the Ground*

'There is no Party concerned in this Circumstance; but every Man that hopes for a Vertuous Woman to his Wife, that would defend his Child, or protect his Mistress, ought to receive this Insolence as done to himself, *In the immediate Presence of God and her Majesty, that the Family might appear to be entirely come over*, says the fawning Miscreant.—It is very visible which of those Powers (that he has put together) he is the more fearful of offending. But he mistakes his way in making his Court to a pious Sovereign, by naming her with the Deity, in order to find Protection for insulting a vertuous Woman, who comes to call upon him in the Royal Chappel.

'If Life be (as it ought to be with People of their Character, whom the *Examiner* attacks) less valuable and dear than Honour and Reputation, in that proportion is the *Examiner* worse than an Assassin. We have stood by and tamely heard him aggravate the Disgraces of the Brave and the Unfortunate. We have seen him double the Anguish of the unhappy Man, we have seen him trample on the Ashes of the Dead; but all this has concern'd greater Life, and could touch only Publick Characters, they did but remotely affect our Private and Domestick Interests; but when due Regard is not had to the Honour of Women, all human Society is assaulted. The highest Person in the World is of that Sex, and has the utmost sensibility of an Outrage committed against it. She, who was the best Wife that ever Prince was blessed with, will, tho' she sits on a Throne, jealously regard the Honour of a young Lady who has not entered into that Condition.

'Lady *Char——te*'s Quality will make it impossible, that this cruel Usage can escape her Majesty's Notice, and 'tis the Business of every honest Man to trace the Offender, and expose him to the Indignation of his Sovereign.

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